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BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 96-262-C - ORDER NO. 96-835  
DECEMBER 3, 1996

IN RE: Petition of American Communications     ) ORDER  
Services, Inc. for Arbitration of     ) APPROVING  
Interconnection Arrangements with     ) AMENDMENT  
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.     )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") upon the Petition of American Communications Services, Inc. ("ACSI") for arbitration of its Interconnection Agreements with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act").

The Commission received a letter dated October 29, 1996, which was jointly signed by Russell B. Shetterly, Esquire, on behalf of ACSI, and Harry M. Lightsey, III, Esquire, on behalf of BellSouth. This letter enclosed an amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between ACSI and BellSouth and requested the approval of the amendment.

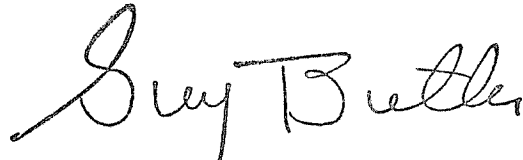
The Interconnection Agreement was originally filed as a partial agreement. For the issues which were not covered by that initial, partial agreement, ACSI filed a Petition for Arbitration with the Commission on August 13, 1996. Before the date set for arbitration, ACSI and BellSouth reached a negotiated agreement on

those outstanding issues in this matter. The agreement for consideration before us now details that negotiated agreement.

We hereby approve the negotiated amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between these two Companies. These two agreements should be reviewed as a whole. The Commission has examined this amendment and finds that it is consistent with the standards of Section 252 (A)(1)(c) of the Act. Therefore, we approve the agreement as filed since it is not discriminatory and is consistent with the public interest in that it promotes competition. We further hold, however, that the terms of this Interconnection Agreement are not to be considered as a precedential standard for other agreements. It is not binding on any other carrier.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Deputy Executive Director  
(SEAL)